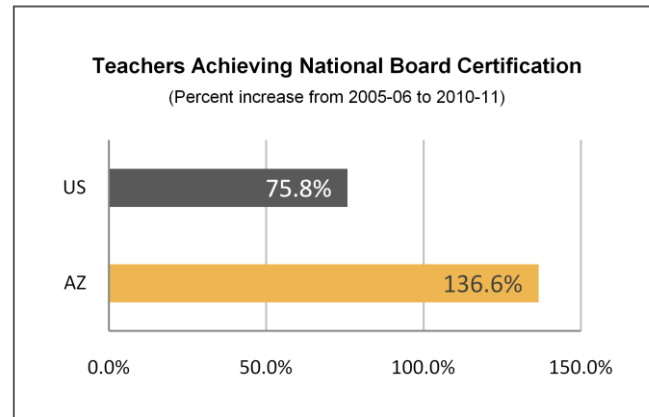


America's partner in growing great schools - 2011 Statistics for Arizona

In 2011, 6,266 teachers became National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) through NBPTS, bringing the total number of NBCTs nationwide to 97,291.

These accomplished teachers comprise approximately 3 percent of the national teaching force - more than half teach in high-need schools and 15 percent are certified in STEM-related areas. This year, 19 states had at least a 10 percent increase in the number of teachers earning certification over the prior year. Nineteen states have more than doubled the number of NBCTs in the past five years. In Washington and Wyoming, NBCT populations have more than quadrupled in the past five years. Research shows that students taught by Board Certified teachers consistently see the highest gains in achievement.



Here are the key 2011 statistics for Arizona.

Increase in Teachers Achieving National Board Certification*			
	Number in 2010-2011	% Increase	Total Number Certified
AZ	80	10.4%	847
US	6,266	6.9%	97,291

"As the nation focuses on building the strongest possible teaching workforce, National Board Certification is the gold standard in affirming excellence in the classroom. These highly qualified teachers are true 'nation builders,' and are the educators who are best positioned to lead the ground-up movement our schools need to reach their potential."

- Ron Thorpe, NBPTS president and CEO

Top Five School Districts Statewide (by total number certified)*		
School District	Number of New NBCTs	Total Number Certified
GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	3	105
PARADISE VALLEY UNIFIED DISTRICT	4	60
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY	6	51
TUCSON UNIFIED DISTRICT	5	49
KYRENE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	9	48

* Data reflects teachers' place of employment as self-reported in the NBPTS database. For more information on state data, contact Rita Pin Ahrens at rpahrens@nbpts.org